Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting January 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on January 12, 2017, in the Dodge County Highway building in Juneau.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, William Muche, Jeffrey Caine, Jeff Berres, and Ed Nelson. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, County Administrator Jim Mielke, and County Board Chairman Russell Kottke were also present. Director of Human Resources Sarah Eske and Finance Director Julie Kolp were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Muche and seconded by Caine to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2016: Minutes of December 8, 2016, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Field reported that County crews had installed 8,135 feet of snow fence on State highway right-of-way and 7,300 feet of snow fence on County highway right-of-way for a total of 15,435 feet or 2.92 miles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee reports.

APPROVE PER DIEMS AND EXPENSES: Motion by Caine and seconded by Berres to approve per diems and expenses for Johnson and Caine for attending the January 3, 2017, Executive Committee meeting in the Administration Building. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATES: Right-of-way acquisition is in progress for several bridge replacement projects and will commence soon for the CTH C (Jersey Road – USH 151) project.

Thompson also reported on a special assessment by the Drainage Board in Drainage District #1 involving County-owned property near the Dodge County Airport.

CONSIDER MARSH VIEW RIDERS ATV ROUTE APPLICATION: Motion by Caine and seconded by Nelson to approve the ATV-UTV route application from Marsh View Riders from a point 290 feet north of STH 33 to Prospect Road along CTH I. Motion carried.

CONSIDER A MORATORIUM ON FUTURE ATV-UTV ROUTE APPROVALS: Motion by Johnson and seconded by Muche to establish a temporary one-year moratorium starting January 12, 2017, and sunsetting on January 11, 2018, on future ATV-UTV route application approvals to allow the County Law Enforcement and Highway Departments to establish and monitor recently approved routes. Motion carried.

REVIEW RESTRICTION/REPAIR OPTIONS FOR THE CTH J (CTH G – STH 16) BRIDGE: Caine expressed concerns of increased truck traffic in Lowell as a result of the limited weight posting of a County-owned bridge on CTH J. Thompson presented a cost estimate and tentative schedule for replacement of this bridge through State and Federal funding programs. Alternative funding sources will be considered.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER A DRAFT POLICY ADDRESSING SUPERVISOR VEHICLE USAGE: The Committee reviewed a draft policy addressing supervisor vehicle usage. No action was taken. This will be considered at a future Committee meeting.

REVIEW VOUCHER PAYMENTS AND DECEMBER CREDIT CARD PAYMENT REPORT: Vouchers payment registers and the December credit card payment report were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: vehicle use policy.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on February 2, 2017, at the Highway Department's Neosho shop.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Harold J. Johnson - Chairman

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